Parks

arks close at dark excluding Peaks View Park, Miller Park, and Blackwater Creek Athletic Area. These parks allow Citysponsored events (athletic play and tennis play) until 11 pm. All other activities are prohibited at these parks after hours unless written permission is granted by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

Biggers Neighborhood Park

(1/2 acre) 5th & Clay Streets. This park has a basketball court, benches, picnic area and play equipment.

Blackwater Creek Athletic Area

(19.5 acres) Monticello Avenue. Includes one multi-purpose lighted athletic field, restroom facilities, picnic shelter, picnic tables and an open area for play.

Blackwater Creek Natural Area

(297 acres) Accessible at Thomson Drive, Monticello Avenue, Hollins Mill Road, Cabell Street, East Randolph Place off Woodland Avenue, Ed Page entrance on Langhorne Road, and Jefferson Park off N. York Street. Hiking trails (about ten miles) are open year round. Access to hiking trail at the end of Thomson Drive will put you in the Ruskin Freer Nature Preserve, consisting of 115 acres and an interpretive trail. The bike trail (about 8 miles) is open year round. Note: Bikes only allowed on dual track trails or graveled trails and not on the Freer Loop Trail with a single path or on trails designated for "foot travel only". The Ed Page entrance to the Blackwater Creek Bikeway (a section of the James River Heritage Trail) bisects the Natural Area and provides an excellent starting point for a multimile adventure.

College Park

(5 acres) College Drive and Breckenbridge Street. The park has a basketball court, picnic tables, and a small creek.

Fort Ave. Neighborhood Park

(1/2 acre) Fort Avenue and Randolph Place. This park contains a basketball court, benches, picnic area, and play equipment.

Heritage

(59 acres) Heritage High School. The school/park site includes six tennis courts (not open to the public during hours of school operation), an outdoor track, and a mountain bike trail.

Hollins Mill Park

(3 acres) Hollins Mill Road. The park includes trail access to the Blackwater Creek Bikeway and Point of Honor Trail sections of the James River Heritage Trail System, and handicap accessible picnic facilities with tables and grills. Streamside fishing is allowed and parking is available onsite.

Jefferson Park

(23 acres) Kirby and North York Streets. Included in the park are a recreation center, picnic shelter, multipurpose field, basketball court, picnic tables/grill, playground equipment, two tennis courts, and open space. The park also offers access to the Blackwater Creek Natural Area and hiking trails. Many recent improvements!

Miller Park

(37 acres) Park Avenue and Fort Avenue. Includes two lighted baseball fields, one lighted softball field, a basketball court, horseshoe courts, two playground areas, restrooms, two picnic shelters, an open picnic area, grills for cooking, and an Olympic size swimming pool.

Peaks View Park

(250 acres) Access and parking available from Ardmore Drive and Tenbury Drive, and Ivy Creek Lane off Wiggington Road from the NW Expressway. The park has two playground areas, three lighted tennis courts, 10 athletic fields, one basketball court, wooded area, passive areas, two picnic shelters, a disc golf course, a concession stand, Ivy Creek Interpretive Loop Trail, and the Bill Foot Recreation Area with seven miles of mountain bike trail (includes the Ivy Creek Greenway.)

Percival's Island Natural Area

(56 acres) Concord Turnpike. The island is approximately one and one-half miles long. The RiverWalk traverses the length of the island (approximately one mile). The park is maintained in its natural state as a haven for plants and animals. Fishing

is permitted in accordance with State of Virginia fishing regulations. Swimming and glass containers are not allowed. In addition, destruction or removal or artifacts, plants, or animals is prohibited.

Perrymont Park

(16 acres) Perrymont Avenue. Adjacent to Perrymont School, this park is a wooded natural area. A master plan for this park is nearing completion.

Riverfront Park

Jefferson Street. Home to many festivals and special events, the park is the first phase of a large park planned for the downtown riverfront area. The park includes a large grass area, benches and stage. The park offers access to the RiverWalk Trail, Blackwater Creek Bikeway and downtown attractions.

Riverside Park

(47 acres) Rivermont Avenue. Includes the Alpine Trail, a basketball court, playground area, the Miller-Claytor House, two picnic shelters with tables, grills, a gazebo, open space, wooded areas, an overlook, a paved walking trail, tennis courts, train and packet boat exhibits and historic Fink Deck Truss bridge.

Sandusky Park

(17 acres) Rhonda Road. Includes a wooded area, open fields, and a ball field.

Westover Neighborhood Park

(1/4 acre) Memorial Avenue and Westover Blvd. This park offers a basketball court and play equipment. Recently renovated!

Younger Park

(5 acres) Light Street. Includes a basketball court, open space, and wooded area. Younger Park will soon be under renovation.

Remember parks are great places to share.

